

Observation of exotic resonances for $K_s^0\pi$, K_s^0p and $K_s^0\Lambda$ spectra in p+A collisions at 10 GeV/c

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Abstract The review on the 2m propane bubble chamber experiment data analysis aimed to searches for an exotic baryon states for K_s^0 -meson subsystems. The observation of Σ^0 , $\Sigma^{*+}(1385)$ and $K^{*\pm}(892)$ well known resonances from PDG are a good tests of this method. There are found a resonant structures for $K_s^0\pi^\pm$, K_s^0p and $K_s^0\Lambda$ invariant mass spectra which were interpreted as $\kappa(720)$ -meson, $\Theta^+(1540)$ -baryon and $N^0(1750)$ or Ξ^0 -baryon states, respectively.

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1 Introduction

First experimental evidence for Θ^+ -baryon with positive strangeness had came from experimental groups LEPS, Japan. Rotational spectra of $\Theta^+ \rightarrow K_s^0p$ has observed on this experiment [1], where significant peak in K_s^0p mass spectrum is equal to $M_\Theta = 1540 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma = (9.2 \pm 1.8) \text{ MeV}/c^2$. These values of M_Θ and Γ are agreed with such ones from PDG-2004.

Recent reports for Θ^+ observation are published where statistical significance increased for $\Theta^+ \rightarrow K_s^0p$ until 7.3 S.D. from DIANA and 8.0 S.D. from SVD2 collaborations. An opposite viewpoint is that all positive results might arise as statistical fluctuations and do not reveal a true physical effect [5].

The scalar mesons are especially important to understand because they have the same quantum numbers as the vacuum. A lighter and very broad κ pole is nonetheless possible and should be looked for in future data analyzes. The $K_s^0\pi^\pm$ invari-

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ant mass spectra has shown resonant structures with $M_{K_s^0\pi}=720 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $\Gamma_e \geq 145(\text{or}50)\text{MeV}/c^2$ [3]-[4].

2 $K_s^0\pi^+$ - spectrum

A study vector mesons $K^{*\pm}(892)$ in pp interactions at 12 and 24 GeV/c by using data(280000 - events) from proton exposure of CERN 2m hydrogen bubble chamber. Total inclusive cross sections in pp interactions are equal to 0.27 ± 0.03 and $0.04 \pm_{0.03}^{0.02}$ for K^{*+} and K^{*-} , respectively.

Figure 1a has shown the effective mass distribution for all experimental 9539($K_s^0\pi^+$) combinations with bin sizes $16 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [3]-[4]. The average mass resolution for $K_s^0\pi$ system is equal to $\approx 2\%$. The above dashed curve in Figure 1a is the sum of a background taken in the form of a polynomial up to the 8-th degree and 1BW function($\chi^2/n.d.f. = 73/69$). There is significant enhancement in mass range of $885 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, 9 S.D., $\Gamma \approx 48$. The peak in invariant mass spectrum at M(885) is identified as well known $K^{*+}(892)$ resonance from PDG. The cross section of $K^*(892)$ production (430 exp. events) is equal to 0.5 mb at $10 \text{ GeV}/c$ for p+C interaction. In case of bin size $13 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ there are negligible enhancements in mass regions of: 730,780, 890 and $970 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [3]-[4].

The effective mass of ($K_s^0\pi^+$) distributions for 4469 combinations over the momentum range of $P_{\pi^+} < 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ with bin sizes $31 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ are shown in Figure 1b. The ($K_s^0\pi^+$) spectrum in Figure 1b is taken by the sum of 8-order polynomial form and 1 BW function what is satisfactorily described ($\chi^2/N.D.F. = 43/37$) without mass range of $K^{*+}(892)$ ($0.75 < M_{K_s^0\pi} < 0.98$). The background by FRITIOF or polynomial methods has approximately same form when they were done approximation by 2BW functions[3]. Then there are observed significant enhancements in mass regions of: $720(7.3 \text{ S.D.})$ and $890(5.5 \text{ S.D.}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$. After cut of $P_{\pi^+} < 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ in Figure 1b is shown that signal in mass range of $720 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ increased.

2.1 $K_s^0\pi^-$ - spectrum

Figure 2a has shown the invariant mass distribution of 3148($K_s^0\pi^-$) combinations with bin sizes $18 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [3]-[4]. Figure 2a has shown that the 8-order polynomial function is approximated ($K_s^0\pi^-$) spectrum with $\chi^2/n.d.f.=114/65$. The sum of 1BW and background taken in the form of a polynomial up to the 8-th degree($\chi^2 = 42/36$ without mass ranges of $K^{*-}(892)$ [3]. The background by FRITIOF or polynomial methods has approximately same form when they were approximated with adding 2BW functions. In the ($K_s^0\pi^-$) and ($K_s^0\pi^+$) spectrum there are same significant enhancements in mass regions of 720,780,890, 980 and $1070 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ($3.1 \text{ S.D.}, \approx 45$ events)(Figure 2a). The signal in mass range of $890 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ is identified as well known resonances $K^{*-}(892)$ from PDG. The cross section of $K^{*-}(892)$ is approximately 10 time lesser than for $K^{*+}(892)$ in this experiment too. The preliminary total cross section for M(720) in p+propane interactions is larger than $30\mu\text{b}$.

2.2 ΛK_s^0 - spectrum

Figure 2b shows the invariant mass of 1012(ΛK_s^0) combinations with bin sizes $18 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [2]. The solid curve is the sum of the background (detained by the first method)

and 2 Breit-Wigner curves(Figure 2b). The structure of mass spectrum has shown, that the significant enhancements has been observed in two effective mass ranges 1750 MeV/c^2 (5.6 S.D.) and 1795(3.3 S.D.) MeV/c^2 .

These peaks could be interpreted as a possible candidates of two pentaquark states: the N^0 with quark content $udsds$ decaying into ΛK_s^0 and the Ξ^0 quark content $udsds$ decaying into $\Lambda \bar{K}_s^0$. The preliminary total cross section for $N^0(1750)$ production in p+propane interactions is estimated to be $\approx 30\mu\text{b}$.

3 $K_s^0 p$ - spectra

The ($K_s^0, \text{pos.track}$) effective mass distribution for all 10534 combinations with bin size 22 and 10 MeV/c^2 are shown in Figure 3a,b, respectively. There is significant enhancement in mass region 1540(>5 S.D., $\Gamma_e=45 \text{ MeV}/c^2$) with width $\leq 30 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. At bin size 10 MeV/c^2 the ($K_s^0 p$) effective mass spectrum has shown significant resonant structures with $M = 1520$ (≥ 4.5 S.D., $\leq 13 \text{ MeV}/c^2$), 1552(≥ 5.9 S.D., $\leq 15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$), 1618(3.8 S.D., $\approx 36 \text{ MeV}/c^2$), and 1695 (3.8 S.D., $\approx 40 \text{ MeV}/c^2$). The peak in mass range of 1540 with width 30 MeV/c^2 with bin size 22 MeV/c^2 can interpret as a sum of two peaks in mass ranges of 1520 and 1552 MeV/c^2 with widths $< 15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. These observed peaks in mass ranges of 1520 and 1695 can be a reflection from $\Lambda^*(1520)$ and $\Lambda^*(1690)$ resonances.

The $K_s^0 p$ effective mass distribution for 2300 combinations with identified protons at momentum range of $0.350 \leq P_p \leq 0.900 \text{ GeV}/c$ is published in [1],[4]. The $K_s^0 p$ invariant mass spectrum shows resonant structures with $M_{K_s^0 p}=1540(5.5 \text{ S.D.})$, 1613(4.8 S.D.), 1821(5.0) MeV/c^2 . The experimental spectrum for Θ^+ agree with the calculated rotational spectra from the theoretical reports of D. Akers, V.H.Mac-Gregor, A.Nambu, P.Palazzi.

4 Conclusion

The observation of $\Sigma^0, \Sigma^{*+}(1385)$ and $K^{*+}(890)$ resonances are a good tests for applied method. These interesting results for observation of $\kappa(720)$, $\Theta^+(1540)$ and $N^0(1750)$ or Ξ^0 resonances will need to study in future experiments.

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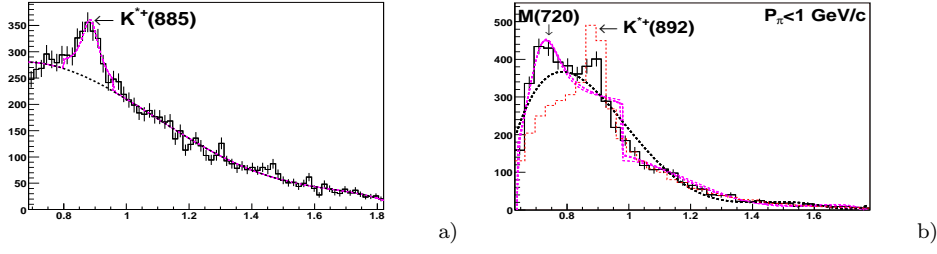


Fig. 1 a) All comb. for the $K_s^0 \pi^+$ spectrum with bin size 16 MeV/c^2 ; b) The $K_s^0 \pi^+$ spectrum over momentum range of $P_\pi < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ with bin size 13 MeV/c^2 . The dashed histogram is simulated events by FRITIOF. The dashed curve is a background by polynomial method.

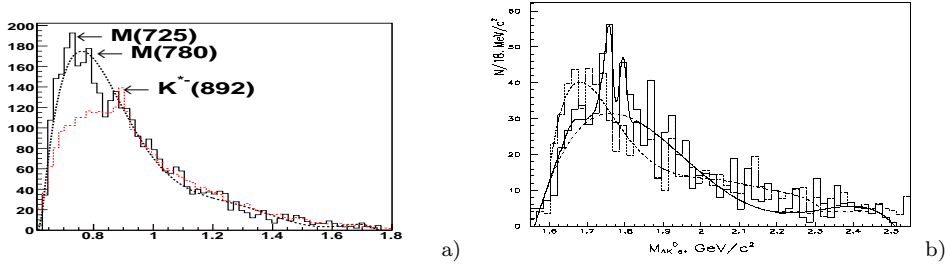


Fig. 2 a) The $K_s^0 \pi^-$ spectrum with bin size 34 MeV/c^2 ; b) The $K_s^0 \Lambda$ spectrum with bin size 18 MeV/c^2 .

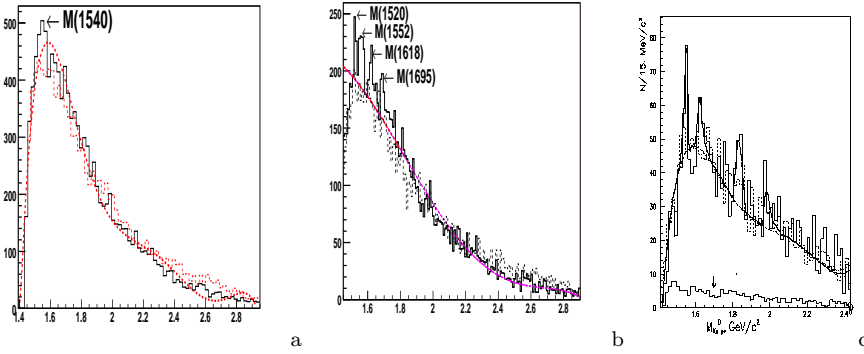


Fig. 3 All comb. for the $K_s^0 p$ spectrum with bin sizes a) 22 and b) 10 MeV/c^2 ; c) The $K_s^0 p$ spectrum for identified protons in range of $0.35 < P_p < 0.90 \text{ GeV}/c$ ($K_s^0 p$ comb. by FRITIOF).